



CITY OF VINCENT

AGENDA

Annual Meeting of Electors

1 February 2024

Time: 7.00pm
Location: Administration and Civic Centre
244 Vincent Street, Leederville

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Chief Executive Officer

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**CITY OF VINCENT
INFORMATION ON HOW THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS
IS CONDUCTED**

The purpose of the Annual Meeting of Electors (AME) is to receive the City's Annual Report and consider any other general business pertaining to Council. In accordance with the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*, the Mayor is to preside at a general or special meeting of Electors and shall determine the procedure to be followed, as set out below:

1. All present are required to sign the attendance register upon entry, including name and address.
2. Speakers must be Electors of the City of Vincent.
3. The proceedings will be recorded for the purpose of producing the minutes and speakers are requested to use the microphones each time they speak. No other audio or visual recording is to be undertaken without the permission of the Presiding Member.
4. First order of business is receipt of the Annual Report (inclusive of the Annual Financial Report).
5. During General Business, questions or statements may only relate to matters that affect the City of Vincent and will be accepted at the discretion of the Presiding Member.
6. Motions from Electors, where presented in writing, will be caused to be read aloud by the Presiding Member to ensure that everyone is clear about what they are voting on. Motions from the floor will only be accepted at the discretion of the Presiding Member.
7. The Presiding Member will call for a mover and a seconder for a motion.
8. No motion or amendment is open to debate until it has been seconded. Only one amendment on any one motion shall be received at a time and such amendment shall be dealt with before any further amendment can be received; however any number of amendments may be proposed.
9. Upon a motion being proposed, the Presiding Member will call for speakers to address the Chair.
10. When addressing the meeting a person is to: -
 - a) Rise and move to the front podium unless unable to do so by reason of sickness or disability;
 - b) State his or her name and address for recording in the minutes; and
 - c) Address the meeting through the Presiding Member.
 - d) Individual speakers will be limited to no more than five minutes.
11. The mover of a motion (but not the mover of an amendment) has the right of reply, and this closes the debate.
12. An Elector may rise and move without discussion "That the question be now put", which, on being duly seconded and carried by a majority, will result in submission of the motion at once to the meeting, after the mover has replied.
13. The Presiding Member will then ask for a vote on the motion on the floor.
14. Each Elector has one vote. An Elector does not have to vote.
17. Voting is determined by a show of hands.
18. A simple majority carries the vote.
19. Minutes of this meeting will be available for inspection by members of the public. Any motions arising from the meeting requiring action will be presented to the next available Ordinary Meeting of Council for consideration.

The decisions of the AME are not binding on the Council, but as required by the *Local Government Act 1995*, the reasons for any Council decision on a decision of this meeting are to be recorded in the minutes of the Council Meeting.

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

“The City of Vincent would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging”.

2 APOLOGIES / MEMBERS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

3 REPORTS

3.1 2022/23 ANNUAL REPORT (INCLUDING 2022/23 FINANCIAL REPORT)

Attachments: 1. [City of Vincent 2022/23 Annual Report](#)  

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To present the 2022/23 Annual Report for the City of Vincent, as at Attachment 1 for the purpose of discussion in accordance with regulation 15 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.

BACKGROUND:

Council accepted by Absolute Majority the 2022/23 Annual Report (inclusive of the 2022/23 Audited Financial Report) at its Ordinary Meeting of Council on 12 December 2023.

DETAILS:

Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 specifies that the matters to be discussed at a general electors' meeting are, first, the contents of the Annual Report for the previous financial year and then any other general business.

An 'elector' is defined by the *Local Government Act 1995* (Act) as a person who is eligible to be enrolled to vote at elections for the district or ward.

CONSULTATION/ADVERTISING:

Section 5.29 of the Act requires that Council gives local public notice of the Annual Report as soon as practicable after it is adopted by Council and publishes it on the local government's website within 14 days.

The City published the Annual Report on its website on 15 December 2023 and provided local public notices in *Perth Now* on Thursday 18 January 2024 and *The Voice* on Saturday 20 January 2024.

The public notice was displayed in the Library and City Administration building from 8 January 2024.

The City also gave additional notice by promoting the Annual Meeting of Electors (AGM) in the following ways:

City of Vincent website

- news story 14 December 2023
- event created 8 January 2024
- banner image and link to the event on home page

Facebook

- event created 8 January 2024
- posts published 11, 16 and 22 January 2024

Instagram

- stories posted 17, 19 and 23 January 2024

Direct email

- Invitation sent to all residents subscribed to enewsletter on 11 and 25 January 2024
- Invitation sent via email to 219 clubs, community groups and town teams on 9 January 2024

Other

- Advertised as part of January full page newspaper advert 27 January 2024
- Promoted on the Beatty Park and Library digital screen from 16 January 2024
- Email signature on all City emails from 8 January 2024
- LinkedIn post 9 January 2024

LEGAL/POLICY:

Section 5.53(1) of the Act requires local governments to develop and publish an Annual Report for each financial year. Section 5.27 of the Act requires that a general meeting of electors is held once every financial year and not more than 56 days after the local government adopts the annual report.

Regulation 18 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 provides that the procedure to be followed at a meeting of electors is to be determined by the presiding member (in the first instance, the Mayor).

Regulation 17 provides that each elector present at a meeting of electors is entitled to one vote on each matter to be decided at the meeting but does not have to vote. Decisions are to be made by simple majority.

Section 5.33 of the *Local Government Act 1995* provides that all decisions made at an electors' meeting are to be considered at the next ordinary council meeting or, if that is not practicable —

- (a) at the first ordinary council meeting after that meeting; or
- (b) at a special meeting called for that purpose, whichever happens first.

If at a meeting of the council a local government makes a decision in response to a decision made at an electors' meeting, the reasons for the decision are to be recorded in the minutes of the council meeting.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

This is in keeping with the City's *Strategic Community Plan 2022-2032*:

Innovative and Accountable

We deliver our services, projects and programs in the most inclusive, efficient, effective and sustainable way possible.

We engage with our community so they are involved in what we are doing and how we are meeting our goals.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

This does not contribute to any specific sustainability outcomes of the *City's Sustainable Environment Strategy 2019-2024*, however the various projects, programs, services and initiatives covered in this report contribute to protecting/enhancing the City's built and natural environment and to improving resource efficiency.

Hard copies of the annual report are limited in numbers and electors are encouraged to view the document online via the [City's website](#).

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS:

Various projects, programs, policies and services covered in the Annual Report contribute to the priority health outcomes within the City's Public Health Plan 2020 – 2025.

FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.



CITY OF VINCENT

ANNUAL REPORT

2022/23



Acknowledgement of Country

The City of Vincent acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation and pays our respects to Elders past and present.

We recognise the unique and incomparable contribution the Whadjuk people have made and continue to make to our culture and in our community. We will continue to seek the input of the Traditional Owners.

The land on which we live, meet and thrive as a community always was and always will be Noongar land.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The 2022/23 financial year marked a return to normality for Vincent, after a few COVID-19-impacted years.

It was a joy to see our community members heading out to dine and shop in our town centres, attending our popular family-friendly events and socialising in our parks without any restrictions.

A return to a stronger economic climate also meant that we could focus on delivering more key projects, community and sporting facility upgrades and playground improvements.

We took a massive step forward with our once-in-a-generation underground power project with Western Power.

After securing underground power in three project areas in 2021/22, we locked in another five project areas.

The project will see all of our residential streets and town centres having underground power and brighter, energy-efficient LED lights rolled out over the next decade.

This will also help achieve our 10-year Strategic Community Plan vision for Vincent to be a leafy and vibrant 24-hour city synonymous with quality design and sustainability.

To make our neighbourhoods even safer, we received the green light from Main Roads WA to drop the speed limit to 40km/h in 40 per cent of our Local Access Roads. This was part of our long-term bid for all local, residential streets in Vincent to be posted at 40km/h.

Slower speed limits will ensure that our kids feel safe walking and riding to school, people can get around safely without relying on a car and our streets are calmer.

Another key goal we reached was achieving smoke-free areas in town centres as part of our Public Health Plan 2020 – 2025, three years ahead of schedule.

Parts of North Perth, Mt Hawthorn, Leederville, William Street and Beaufort Street became smoke-free in November after the launch of our Fresh Air – You're Welcome: the Smoke-Free Town Centres project.

Our entertainment precincts are now free from second-hand smoking and vaping. People can also enjoy alfresco dining in fresh air.

We also worked on an exciting new project to transform two City-owned car parks in Leederville into high-quality transit orientated development by progressing a Request for Proposals process.

Community and sporting facilities play a huge role in our local neighbourhoods. They are places where locals unite, create memories and history together.

We installed new floodlights at Britannia Reserve, Charles Veryard Reserve and Forrest Park Croquet Club thanks to funding from the Australian and State governments.

The brighter lights support our ever-growing sporting clubs along with dog walkers and community members who can now feel safer when they visit their local parks in the evening.

Together with Floreat Athena Football Club, we secured a \$3 million grant from the Australian Government to construct a multi-sports changeroom facility at the former grandstand site at Litis Stadium.

Once the upgrades are complete, the stadium will become an even better community hub that is not only used by sporting clubs, but also local groups and residents.

The upgrades will also go a long way to increasing female participation in sports in the area.

Beatty Park Leisure Centre achieved a one million visitor milestone for the first time and a record number of 2800 students enrolled in its swim school.

We also celebrated the Centre's 60th anniversary with members, locals and people who have fond memories at Beatty joining us over two-days of celebrations.

Playgrounds are always a key feature of our annual capital works program as they are loved by local families.

Phase one of our new Haynes Street Reserve in North Perth made its debut. It is home to nature play equipment including an all-abilities swing, a bench, shelter and greenery.

In a Vincent-first, we hosted the WAFL Grand Final at Leederville Oval which attracted 16,000 people.

The festivities flowed into the Leederville Village Square for the Footyville activations with alfresco dining filling up the streets.

We also saw the return of St Patrick's Day in Leederville after a three-year pause due to COVID-19 and what a reception it got from both locals and the Irish community!

The Mt Hawthorn community had something to cheer about with the return of the popular Mt Hawthorn Hawkers Market at Axford Park, starting with a pop-up in April ahead of the full season from September 2023.

Activating our high streets continued to be a priority, with the trial of the Grosvenor Road Pedestrian Space, just off Beaufort Street, and the pedestrianisation of Washing Lane, off William Street.

We also started preparing for the FIFA Women's World Cup™ – the biggest football tournament Perth has ever seen.

HBF Park was selected to host five matches from July to August 2023, while Dorrien Gardens was selected as a training site for international teams

and attracted funding for facility upgrades and the commission of a fantastic 80m mural in honour of the world game.

We launched our latest Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan, and this time with strong cultural guidance, leadership and endorsement from our Boordiya Reference Group. Windows at the Administration Building and doors in our Community Centre are home to meaningful artwork celebrating the Noongar Six Seasons by artist Darryl Bellotti, who is an Aboriginal man of Yamatji and Noongar descent.

Over the past 12 months, Council has focused on delivering the projects, events and initiatives that matter most to our community.

I would like to thank my Council colleagues, the City's CEO and staff for their dedication and contributions throughout the year. And thank you to the Vincent community for your support and engagement along the way. Together, we strive to make Vincent the best it can be.

EMMA COLE
MAYOR



CEO'S MESSAGE

The results and outcomes outlined in this year's Annual Report demonstrate the benefit of a strong focus on planning for the future.

Council adopted a new 10-year Strategic Community Plan which included the City's commitment to providing underground power in all residential streets.

This will have a transformative, greening and cooling effect throughout our streets and suburbs.

Delivering this program will be a strong focus for the organisation and will involve close engagement with our residents.

An updated Long Term Financial Plan places the City in a strong position to support the underground power program.

We continue to refine and improve our approach to project management, contract management, risk management and community engagement.

This is keeping our portfolio of strategic projects on time, on budget and on scope.

We won the 2022 National Award for Local Government in the Waste Management Category for FOGO – one of our biggest projects which was exceptionally well managed by our staff.

The City was pleased to host the 2022 WAFL Grand Final at Leederville Oval in partnership with the Western Australian Football Commission.

It showcased the potential of the venue and our ability to deliver major events.

In particular, people attending really enjoyed the great community atmosphere we helped create in the Leederville Town Centre and at the game.

We had some big wins on advocacy including on grants and transport issues such as the extension of our 40km/h speed zones on local roads.

The benefits of our participation in the Small Business Friendly Approvals program are now being realised.

We have been able to reform and improve how we support small businesses to turn their dreams into reality.

We also renewed our collaborative agreement with the Perth Inner City Group including the City of Perth, City of Subiaco, City of South Perth and the Town of Victoria Park.

The City works hard to be an exemplar of good governance and delivering great services to the community. This requires strong alignment between the community and Council.

This Annual Report shows that we are getting the balance right between continuity and change.

Collaboration between teams is a key driver of success at Vincent.

Our staff often work together to deliver major strategic projects and the plans that matter most to the community.

We are protecting and promoting the important heritage, character and close community connections we have throughout Vincent.

At the same time, we are working to maintain the vibrancy in our town centres and ensuring we renew and upgrade our parks, reserves and facilities to the standard our community expects.

This report outlines many achievements from a dedicated and hard-working Council and staff here at Vincent – I thank them all for their efforts.

DAVID MACLENNAN
CEO



4 **GENERAL BUSINESS**

5 **CLOSURE**